

## Uncle Sam to Quit as Landlord To 1,000 Women—Too Many of 'Em

**Fight Against Management of Union Station Plaza  
Hotels May Cause Government to Withdraw.**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19. (Copyright)—Uncle Sam, disheartened and disappointed, soon is going out of the hotel business. Under extreme difficulties he has stuck to the task ever since the closing days of the war, but the job of keeping house for 1,000 women, all of whom have distinct housekeeping ideas of their own, is proving at last much too much.

Two young ladies, leaders in a movement to wrest the management of the Government Hotels on the Union Station Plaza, have themselves been ousted, and now they are threatening to sue somebody or anybody they can lay hands upon. It is extremely difficult to sue Uncle Sam himself—as a matter of fact Congress has to give assent to that—but the late ladies are going to sue his agents if they can find just who is actually responsible for the Government.

Ever since the temporary dormitories, or hotels, were built for the female war workers who flocked to the capital in 1917 and 1918, there has been friction. The hotels were not finished until after the armistice, and there was a movement on foot then by the wiser heads of Government to abandon the project. But the number of war workers who had to remain here to clear up the aftermath made it necessary to furnish and open the buildings. Each war worker had a nice little room to herself. Meals were served in central dining halls for the several groups of buildings—gray up and down structures that some one said suggested examples of the very best early New England style of jail architecture.

Several times within the past eighteen months Congress has threatened to close the hotels. It was said they were not paying running expenses. The "inmates" refuted this statement and raised the cry that Washington landlords were at the bottom of the movement to abandon the dormitories. They pictured the real estate agents as a pack of wolves waiting for the girls to be turned out in the night so that they could charge them profiteering rates for rooms and board.

It is a fact that during the war the girl Government clerks who came to Washington were forced at times to live five and six in a room, partly because of lack of accommodations and largely because of the exorbitant prices charged.

The Government hotels come under the general jurisdiction of the House and Senate Committees on Public Buildings and Grounds. Both committees are to-day considering early closing of the hotels, ostensibly because the buildings are needed for temporary offices, but really because the Congressmen think the Government has no business in the hotel business.

"The present squabble is neither here nor there," said Chairman Lusk of the House Committee to-day. "But there is no reason for the United States acting landlord four years after the close of the war."

Miss Bertha Henderson and Miss Henrietta Oding, who tried to remove the managers of the hotels, to-day characterized the action of the hotel management in barring them from the hotels as "a great act of injustice." The managers sold the ladies were "a disturbing element" and could not get back. The girls in the hotels have formed a "council" and many of them are still on the warpath.

HANMONTON'S JAIL IS UNSANITARY. The Hanmorton (N. J.) Jail is unsanitary, in the opinion of Joseph Thompson, of the State Board of Health. He declared it to be ill-ventilated, and unfit for the confinement of prisoners. He called it a fire-trap.

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### FLIES SO THICK BOSTON THOUGHT IT WAS SNOWING

Invasion of City and Suburbs Puzzles Health Authorities.  
BOSTON, Sept. 12.—Boston and its suburbs had an invasion of millions of tiny flies which came so thick that many thought it was a snow storm. Scores of persons called the newspaper offices when the insects swarmed into homes. Public health officials were unable to determine what caused the invasion or why the flies left before night fall.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN RUNS ON REPUBLICAN TICKET.  
ROANOKE, Va., Sept. 12.—J. Williamson McGavock of Wythe County, a Confederate veteran, got the Republican Senatorial nomination by acclamation at the State convention of the party here yesterday.

## Sues Rich Widow Who Jilted Him As He Was Starting For Church

**Woman Turned Him Down, He Says, Just as He Was  
Setting Out for Wedding.**

SYRACUSE, Sept. 19.—Frank Herbst, formerly proprietor of restaurants here and in northern New York, has brought suit for \$30,000 for breach of promise against Mrs. Sophia Carol, widow of George Carol, Utica millionaire.

Herbst says his proposal was accepted and they planned a wedding trip to Europe. He obtained passports and pledged the officials to the sale of his Syracuse property. He received no information of Mrs. Carol's change of heart until the morning of the wedding date was set.

ing of what was to have been his wedding day, when, as he was starting for the church, he received a note from the woman saying she had changed her mind.

Mrs. Carol over the telephone intimated that a settlement would be made.

RUSSIAN ABANDONS CHANNEL SWIM.

DOVER, England, Sept. 19. (Associated Press).—The Russian swimmer Indritsanov, who has been waiting here some days for a favorable opportunity to swim the English Channel, started his attempt at midnight last night. He was obliged to abandon it at 6 o'clock this morning, however, owing to unfavorable conditions.

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